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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 5-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 5, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 5, 2003 to April 5, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$2,010.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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